

Population Count

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Definition: This is a count of the total population residing in an area, as determined by the federal decennial census conducted on April 1, 2000.

Limitations: Some persons may not be counted in the census, especially those who do not want to be counted (undocumented aliens, for example). In most censuses the undercount is higher for minority groups than for whites.

Data Detail: The accuracy of the population count is dependent on the willingness of the population to accurately complete the census questionnaire. The race and gender of the population is self-assigned. Age is "as of" the census date of April 1, 2000. Most group-quartered populations are counted at the site of the institution or facility where they reside. College dormitory populations, fraternity and sororities are counted in the locality where their school is located. Long-term prisons, such as those in state prisons, are counted at the location of the prison. Armed service personnel are counted at the base location, unless they live off base, in which case they are enumerated where they live.

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